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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7071

BILL NUMBER: HB 1708

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Year.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Culver

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a school year for Grades 1 through 6 consists of at least 54,000 minutes. It provides that a school year for Grades 7 through 12 consists of at least 64,800 minutes. The bill makes corresponding changes to related sections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The impact would depend on the number of schools that elect the minute requirement instead of the current 180-instruction-day requirement but might not meet the required instructional minutes and therefore have their August tuition support reduced. The reduction would probably be minor. In the last several years only one school has had their tuition support reduced for not meeting the required 180 days.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would allow schools to modify the school calendar from the current 180-day minimum school year to a calendar with an instructional minutes requirement.

The bill could reduce local school expenditures depending on if a school chooses to reduce the number of instructional days in the school calendar. Schools spend about \$2.8 M per day to transport students to school during the 2008 school year. Schools might also have reduced utilities and school lunch expenditures if the number of days are reduced.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education databases.

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